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SEWAGE SPILL TO SAN DIEGO RIVER WATER CONTACT CLOSURE AT DOG BEACH, OCEAN BEACH

An estimated 24,000-gallon sewage spill was reported today on Murphy Canyon Road in the Mission Village community of San Diego. The City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department verified a sewage spill from an unknown source to a storm drain channel at 10:30 AM. City crews contained the spill by 1:30 PM. The cause of the spill is under investigation. The spill flowed into a storm drain channel that empties to the San Diego River and ultimately to the ocean at Ocean Beach. Signs warning of sewage-contaminated water have been posted at the San Diego River outlet (Dog Beach) in Ocean Beach. Signs will remain in place until samples confirm the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information about the sewage spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at (619) 247-8826.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073. OR www.cleanup.org, 'Beach Water Quality' for San Diego County.

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